

## B. Specification

Please amend the abstract at page 18 as follows:

A polylactide in a purified state, ~~which meets the requirements of~~

~~the colour strengths of reference solutions B<sub>2</sub> – B<sub>9</sub> of the brown colour test~~

~~of the European Pharmacopocia, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition (1980) part I, Section V, 6.2~~

~~and~~

~~containing one or more metals in cationic form, the metal ion(s) having a~~

~~concentration of at most 10 ppm.~~

is an ester of a polyol containing at least three hydroxyl groups and is off-white to white in

color. The polylactide in a purified state contains one or more metals in cationic form, the

one or more metals having a concentration up to 10 ppm. The polylactide is especially

suitable for use as microparticles or implants[[,]] and contains preferably a hydrophilic

drug, like octreotide or a lipophilic drug like bromocriptine.